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25X1. [redacted] the following railroad coal stocks were available between 20 and 24 October 1953:

Date in	Locomotive Coal	Shop Coal
October	Hard Coal	(in Terms of
	Briquettes	Briquette Units)
	(in Tons	

20	51,400	38,800	33,500
22	60,100	33,700	33,700
24	63,500	27,400	33,800

2. The following coal stocks were available on 4, 21 and 22 October:

Date in October	Hard Coal	Briquettes	Raw Brown Coal	Coal Dust
		(In Tons)		

4	29,765	26,293	1,214	219
20	51,468	30,083	1,115	509
22	60,107	33,769	1,117	645

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3. [redacted] the Berlin regional railroad headquarters dated 25 October, the following order of priority was laid down for railroad shipments after the quota of empty cars to be made available had been fulfilled:

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1. Traffic to and from ports
2. Reparations and export goods
3. Coal
4. Potatoes
5. Sugar beets
6. Fertilizers
7. Foodstuffs and livestock
8. Seeds and plants
9. Scrap
10. Other goods.

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4. [redacted] all sub-district offices of the Berlin regional railroad headquarters indicated that, effective immediately, all S, SS, SSI, SSy, and SSyn-type flatcars have to be inspected for their transitworthiness. Transitworthy equipment must be dispatched immediately to Frankfurt/Oder. All flatcars of the types mentioned equipped with iron sidetracks which arrive from Poland at Frankfurt/Oder and Kuesstrin are immediately to be inspected regarding their transitworthiness in Frankfurt/Oder.

5. [redacted] the Ministry of Railroads, the following coal stocks for locomotives expressed in daily requirements were available in the East German railroad districts between 5 and 23 October 1933:

Railroad District	Date in October							
	5	6/7	8	9	10/11	12	13	14
Berlin	5,1	4,1	4,1	4,5	4,5	4,7	4,9	4,9
Greifswald	4,2	4,1	5,2	5,9	6,4	6,3	5,2	5,6
Schwerin	6,9	6,6	6,2	6,7	7,0	6,4	6,3	6,3
Magdeburg	2,9	2,8	3,0	2,6	4,2	4,2	4,1	4,0
Halle	4,2	4,2	4,4	4,7	4,4	3,9	3,9	4,0
Erfurt	4,8	3,9	3,6	3,3	3,6	3,3	3,3	3,3
Dresden	5,5	5,2	5,0	4,0	4,6	3,9	3,6	3,4
Cottbus	3,7	3,4	3,1	3,4	3,5	3,5	3,5	3,4
Total East Germany	4,6	4,2	4,2	4,5	4,5	4,2	4,1	4,2
Railroad District	Date in October							
	15	16	17/18	19	20	21	22	23
Berlin	5,2	5,5	5,0	5,8	5,9	6,0	6,4	6,3
Greifswald	5,7	5,7	6,2	7,0	6,8	6,7	6,6	6,7
Schwerin	6,3	6,8	6,9	7,3	7,3	7,5	7,0	6,7
Magdeburg	4,5	5,3	5,7	6,4	6,9	6,4	5,9	5,0
Halle	4,2	4,2	4,5	4,9	5,0	5,2	5,2	5,1
Erfurt	3,4	3,3	3,4	4,0	4,5	4,9	5,3	6,0
Dresden	3,6	3,8	4,5	4,8	5,0	5,2	5,3	6,2
Cottbus	4,0	3,9	4,0	4,0	4,0	4,2	4,8	4,8
Total East Germany	4,2	4,5	4,9	5,3	5,6	5,7	5,9	5,8

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6. [redacted] a conference of the Council of Ministers held on 19 October with a view to discuss the critical situation of the East German railroads:

- a. The import of 2 million tons of hard coal from Poland, which was agreed upon in June, has only partly been effected and has to be completed in 1953. All coal has to be shipped by rail because low water prevented the utilization of large traffic.
- b. It has not been possible to reduce the round-trip time periods for freight cars from 3.25 days to 3.01 days as planned. At present, 3.16 days were required.
- c. On the average, 18,000 East German cars are operating outside East Germany while only 6,600 foreign-owned cars are operating in East Germany. The high number of East German cars outside East Germany results from the fact that cars dispatched to the satellite countries usually return only after a prolonged period of time, from Hungary for instance only after 15 days or longer.

As there is no possibility to increase the number of cars it was suggested to establish an order of priority for goods to be shipped.

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1. [redacted] Comment. The data on coal stocks available on 22 October [redacted] roughly agrees [redacted] in terms of briquette units, the following coal stocks were available on 22 October:

Hard coal	95,250 tons
Brown coal briquettes	27,400 tons

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Total locomotive coal stocks 122,650 tons

According to the daily coal consumption quota of 21,400 tons valid for October, total stocks represented 5.7 days' requirements. [redacted]

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2. [redacted] Comment. The priority for shipments fixed on 4 October underwent some changes. [redacted] 25X1

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3. [redacted] Comment. This information was transmitted previously [redacted]

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4. [redacted] Comment. This tabulation shows a slight increase in coal stocks which, however, still represent only 25 percent of coal stocks considered normal during winter months.

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5. [redacted] Comment. Reasons for the critical situation of East German railroads regarding the availability of rolling stock were pointed out previously. [redacted] 25X1

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